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INTELLIGENCE ORDER
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WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT REAGAN'S 16-DAY-OLD ORDER GIVING THE CIA FREER REIN TO CARRY ON DOMESTIC OPERATIONS WILL HARM RATHER THAN HELP THE AGENCY, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAID TUESDAY.

"I ADMIRE THE INTENT OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER. (BUT) I THINK IT IS SERIOUSLY FLAWED AND WILL OVER TIME END UP WEAKENING (THE AGENCY'S) CAPABILITIES, MUCH TO OUR COUNTRY'S DETRIMENT," FORMER CIA DIRECTOR STRANFIELD TURNER TOLD THE HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

TURNER SAID THAT WHILE THE ORDER IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE CIA'S COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE, IT RISKS INFRINGING ON THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF AMERICANS.

AND, HE SAID, "I BELIEVE IT POSES RISKS TO OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES" AND "WILL WEAKEN RATHER THAN STRENGTHEN IT AS INTENDED."

INTRUSION OF THE CIA INTO DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE MATTERS TRADITIONALLY HANDLED BY THE FBI "WILL STRAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CIA AND THE FBI," WHICH "HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD ONE" BUT IS "VERY GOOD TODAY," TURNER CONTINUED.

"WE DO NOT WANT, THOUGH, TO DO ANYTHING THAT WILL JEOPARDIZE IT. WE DO NOT WANT THEM TO BE COMPETITIVE ... WE WANT THEM TO BE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR INFORMATION AND TO SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE AND TO WORK AS A TEAM."

TURNER SAID CIA OFFICERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO OPERATE OVERSEAS WITH THE AIM OF ACCOMPLISHING THEIR MISSION RATHER THAN HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT WHETHER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS MUST BE RESPECTED.

TURNING THESE OFFICERS INTO DOMESTIC OPERATIVES COULD RESULT IN THE RETURN OF SUCH "HARE-BRAINED SCHEMES" AS DRUG EXPERIMENTS ON UNWITTING AMERICANS THAT CAUSED THE CIA TO BE SEVERELY CRITICIZED BY GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATORS DURING THE 1970S, HE CONTENDED.

THESE REVELATIONS OF PAST MISCONDUCT "WERE EXTREMELY DAMAGING" TO THE CIA AND NO REPETITION MUST BE PERMITTED, HE ADDED.

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